IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.7025 OF 2005
IN
CRI.APPEAL NO.1002 OF 2005

Urmilabai Bhaskar Patil ..Applicant
Vs.
State of Maharashtra ..Respondents

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Mr.P.M.Vyas i/b S.R.Singh
Advocate for Applicant
Mr.B.H.Mehta A.P.P. for the State
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CORAM: SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.
DATE : OCTOBER 27, 2005

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1. Heard the learned advocate for the applicant and the learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The applicant is seeking bail. The applicant has been convicted under Sections 498-A and 306 of IPC and he is sentenced to R.I. for three years by the learned Sessions Judge. It is contended on behalf of the applicant that the applicant was on bail during the trial and she has not misused the liberty granted to her. This statement is not controverted on behalf of the prosecution. It is further submitted on behalf of the applicant that

the applicant is a lady and 64 years of age, hence, she may be granted bail.

3. The learned advocate for the applicant has further submitted that sentence imposed on the applicant is only three years and the appeal preferred by the applicant is not likely to be heard and disposed of within the period of three years.

4. The Supreme Court in the case of **Bhagwan Rama Gosai and Ors. Vs. State of Gujrat** reported in **(1999) 4 SCC 421,** has observed that if the sentence is of limited duration and the appeal cannot be heard expeditiously, then bail should be granted. It is not possible to hear the present appeal expeditiously. In view of all the facts and circumstances, I am inclined to grant bail.

5. The applicant-Urmilabai Bhaskar Patil to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties to make up that amount.

6. Application is disposed of.

[V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.]